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## The Cottonwood Tree

The cottonwood tree grows very large. It has shiny leaves that move in the wind.

The seeds of the cottonwood tree are white and fluffy. They look like balls of cotton. That is why this tree is called the cottonwood.

Cottonwood trees grow to be very old. Some are 100 years old. The cottonwood is the state tree of Kansas.